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PREFACE

The present volume is the fifteenth and concluding one of the Centenary edition of Theodore Parker's writings, whose publication was made possible by the generous gift of money for this purpose by the late John C. Haynes, a prominent merchant of Boston, and the effective coöperation of the American Unitarian Association. Mr. Haynes, who in his early life was a parishioner of Mr. Parker, was later one of the leading spirits of the Twenty-eighth Congregational Society, and took an active part in the erection of its Parker Memorial Meeting House in Boston. It is to be regretted that he did not live to behold the new edition of Parker's writings, whose publication was the crowning mark of his loyalty to the inspirer of his early manhood, for whom he had never ceased to cherish a grateful and reverent affection.

The present volume consists of an interesting report by Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson on Theodore Parker's library, made in 1883 to the trustees of the Boston Public Library, to which Parker bequeathed his books, and here reprinted. The volume is furthermore furnished with a Bibliography of Parker's writings, and Writings about Parker, which, it is hoped, may be reasonably complete, and a full index, prepared by Arthur A. Brooks, to the fourteen volumes of this Centenary edition.

In the preparation of the Bibliography the editor desires to express his acknowledgments to Mr. Arthur

A. Brooks for the use of materials collected by him some years since for a similar purpose, as well as to the Houghton-Mifflin Company of Boston, for their permission to reprint, with corrections and additions, portions of a bibliography of Parker's published pamphlets and review articles, attached to John White Chadwick's "Life of Theodore Parker."

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REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ON THE PARKER LIBRARY

The remarkable collection of books bequeathed by Rev. Theodore Parker to the Public Library of Boston has never been separately catalogued, as has been the case with the Ticknor and Barton collections. It was simply included in the books indexed in the Supplement to the Bates Hall Catalogue; and the books coming from this source are not there distinguishable from the mass of other works. The collection has always been kept by itself in the Library, and there is a manuscript catalogue of a portion of it, prepared under Mr. Parker's own direction. The bequest has now been completed by the reversion of that part of the library retained by Mrs. Parker until her death, under the provisions of her husband's will. It therefore seems proper that there should be some special report upon a collection so valuable in itself, so interesting through its personal associations, and historically so important to the Public Library, as being the first considerable private collection which it inherited by bequest.

The books which came to the Library at Mr. Parker's death numbered 11,190 volumes, besides 2,500 pamphlets, which were afterwards bound and accounted as books. (Index of Books in Bates Hall; Supplement; Prefatory Note.) At the death of Mrs. Parker, 2,117 additional volumes became the property

of the Library, besides 280 volumes of her own which she bequeathed. To these are to be added a small number of volumes relating to Mr. Parker, but presented by others, and properly to be considered in connection with his library, making up the whole number of books under this head to nearly sixteen thousand. This does not include Mr. Parker's manuscripts and literary materials, these having passed, at Mr. Parker's death, into the possession of Mr. F. B. Sanborn, of Concord, who is to act henceforth as literary executor.

The library was formed under circumstances somewhat peculiar. It was the work of a man possessing a more omnivorous passion for books than almost any of his contemporaries in this country, and enabled by circumstances to gratify that passion more and more as time went on. Beginning as a poor scholar, and then living on a very modest salary as the minister of a small suburban parish, he was early a collector of books to supply his actual needs; and, after he had been transferred to a large city parish, and had become a very popular lecturer, he was enabled to set aside most of his income from the lecture source for this object. Books, which were at first the necessaries of his life, became at last his only luxuries. He justified himself for incurring the expense of their purchase partly by looking forward to a great work which he had planned on the History of Religion, partly by the purpose, long cherished, of bequeathing these literary collections for some public service. For a long time this prospective destination was Harvard College, of whose library he had made much use; but soon after the formation of the Free Public Library, in 1852, he was led to change his purpose by the conviction that the plan of this institution would make

the books even more useful than if given to Harvard College. It is pleasant to know that one controlling influence which brought about this change of plan was — according to his life-long friend and housemate, Miss Hannah Stevenson — his confidence in Mr. George Ticknor as a library organizer. These two men, resembling each other in their love of books and in their public spirit, but cut off almost from personal intercourse by their difference of opinion on public questions, thus coöperated in endowing the greatest institution of the city which they both loved.

The library of Mr. Parker was thus collected with a view to actual use by himself, and prospectively by others, and this affected its very selection from the beginning. It was not a show library, or the library of a technical bibliomaniac; it was the collection of a specialist, but of a specialist with a wide horizon. It was formed by a scholar upon the lines of his own particular studies, but projecting those lines far beyond what he could reasonably expect to accomplish in a lifetime. In the midst of a career so exacting and laborious that, in spite of a most vigorous organization, he died an old man at fifty, Mr. Parker was always making a collection of books that represented both his pursuits and his purposes. On particular occasions he ransacked these books to his heart's content; but they also represented the vast range of study which he never lived to accomplish. It often happens that the most valuable part of a student's collection may be that on which time has for him written *No thoroughfare*, but which opens such a thoroughfare for others after he is gone.

It is easy to select the single book with which a view of the Parker Library should properly begin.

"Which of all my books," the donor once said to the present writer, "do you think that I have most enjoyed?" Then turning, he took down a well-worn copy of Ainsworth's Latin Dictionary (Philadelphia, 1820), inscribed in a boyish hand on the fly-leaf, "Theodore Parker, ejus liber, 1822." He was then twelve years old; it was the first book he had ever owned; he had earned the money for its purchase by picking berries on his father's farm — the farm which had been in his family for a century and a half, and from which his grandfather had gone forth to take part in the battle of Lexington. On this corner-stone the costly library was built up.

It is doubly fitting to regard this book as the corner-stone of the library, because it is on a copious variety of dictionaries and grammars that its foundations are farther laid. No class of books contained in it has been more used by the public. Mr. Parker had himself the greatest facility for learning languages. Dr. Convers Francis used to say of him in his youth that when he had lent Theodore Parker the grammar of a new language he usually found, at their next meeting, that he had devoured half its literature; and Professor Siljeström, who taught him Swedish, said that he took it in as one eats an apple. He had given more or less attention to Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Arabic, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, German, Anglo-Saxon, Mœso-Gothic, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, Russian, and several American Indian dialects — making more than twenty in all. The apparatus for nearly all these is to be found in the Parker Library, with that of many more which he had only wished to study. These last cover a wide geographical range, from the minor Sclavonic dialects

to the African languages and the Kawi language of Java; and include, for instance, the very rare Mexican and Spanish dictionary of Molina, now worth £20 at book auctions. Counting all these, the full number of languages or dialects represented cannot fall much short of forty.

After the grammars and dictionaries comes a class of books to which the general public is inevitably indifferent, but which for scholars are of the very greatest value. Mr. Parker had a great taste for those formidable and ponderous works of which Bayle's Dictionary is the most familiar type,— vast and voluminous encyclopædias, giving a summary of all the wisdom of their time; books which, in one sense, are superseded, but which, in another sense, can no more be superseded than the Pyramids, because they preserve indestructibly that of which the present has lost sight. They are inestimable as a part of the history of knowledge; their very omissions are exceedingly important, for it may be as essential to ascertain definitely what was not known on a given point at a certain period as what was known. Such books are, for instance, Hofmann's *Lexicon universale*, in 4 vols., folio (1698); Beyerlinck's vast *Magnum theatrum vitæ humanæ*, in 7 vols. folio (1631); Moreri's *Dictionnaire historique*, 4 vols., folio (1724); Jöcher's *Gelehrten-Lexicon*, 4to (1750); Semler's *Welthistorie*, 72 vols., 8vo (1744); Pierer's *Universal-Lexikon*, being the copy presented by the author to J. E. Worcester, 34 vols., 8vo (1840); the series closing with Ersch and Gruber's enormous *Allgemeine Encyclopädie*, 150 vols., 8vo, which belongs to our own time, and is still unfinished. With these should be classed the well-known French *Biographie Universelle*, and

many other works not enumerated. Few American libraries are so well furnished in what may be called the retrospective-encyclopædic department; and there is always a possibility that the faithful scholar may find in these vast mausoleums of knowledge some fact which he might otherwise have had to take a voyage across the Atlantic to obtain.

In the department of literary history these great collections are especially to be found. These are, for instance, Meusel's two great lexicons of German authors, 38 volumes in all; the *Bibliothek des Literarischen Vereins in Stuttgart* in 150 vols., and a similar collection of equal size from a society in Halle. There is also Hammer-Purgstall's great history of Arabian literature in seven bulky volumes, with other works by the same author. In the department of travels and geography there are similar voluminous collections, beginning with Strabo, including a fine copy of Münster's quaintly illustrated *Cosmographia* of 1554, with the great *Allgemeine Historie der Reisen* in 21 vols., 4to (1747). There are also the more modern collections of Malte-Brun, Mannert, Herrera, Torquemada, Pallas, Berghaus, and others.

Another favorite department of Mr. Parker was that of Jurisprudence, and this he used largely in preparing his Defense — perhaps more laboriously learned than the occasion required — when indicted in the Anthony Burns case. In this department there are great folios of Roman law, with the works of Bynkershoek, Savigny, Rein, and Hugo. He even pleased himself by possessing the great *Jurisprudence Musulmane*, of Khalil-Ibn-Ish'âk', in six volumes, 8vo. In theology, as in other departments, his tendency was towards monumental works; thus he not only has the

early Christian fathers in the hundred-volumed *Patrologia*, of Migne, but has also the *Maxima Bibliotheca veterum patrum*, published at Lyons in 1677, in 21 volumes, folio. He has also the *Annales Ecclesiastici* of Cæsar Baronius, published at Antwerp, from 1597 to 1642, in 12 vols., folio; the works of John of Launoy (1731) in 9 vols., folio; Mabillon's *Annales ordinis S. Benedicti* (1739–45), in 6 vols., folio, and similar ponderous foundations of ecclesiastical history. Upon this is, of course, reared a great superstructure of modern and especially of German theology. There are also the complete works of the German metaphysicians of the first class, and some of the second class.

Mr. Parker bought the Latin and Greek classics in the large collections which comprise them all, and had a few fine old folio editions, with many modern editions and commentaries. These all have their value, though often superseded by the more critical work since done. In some cases we see his special tastes in the accumulation: — thus there are a dozen different works on Aristotle, and all the best editions of the Greek Anthology, the Palatine text, as edited by Brunck (3 vols., 8vo), and Jacobs (10 vols., 8vo), and that of the Planudean text, edited by Bosch, with the versions of Grotius (3 vols., 4to). There may also be mentioned Wolf's *Mulierum Græcarum Fragmenti* (4to), the Oudendorp edition of Apuleius (7 vols., 4to), Spalding's *Quintilian*, with Bonnell's *Lexicon* (6 vols.), and the commentary of Eustathius on the Iliad and Odyssey (5 vols., 4to).

There is not much in English literature, three-quarters of the books, perhaps nine-tenths, being in foreign languages. There is little in natural science, which he gets rather by the conversation of his learned

friends, like Desor, than by personal study. There is something in the way of botany, for which he always preserved a farmer's love; and one is surprised to find books on mathematics, to which he is not known to have given much attention. There is a good deal of European and ancient history, and a large collection of the more common histories, biographies, and a collection of works in American history, but few rare *Americana*. There is, of course, a large collection of books and pamphlets bearing on American slavery. There is also a very considerable gathering of out-of-the-way books on the occult sciences, for which he had, like many studious men, a covert taste. This includes such books as Lobeck's *Aglaophamus* — a study of ancient systems — and Reiff's edition of the *Oneirocritica* of Artemidorus,— a work on the interpretation of dreams.

One naturally wishes to track the personal footsteps of a man like Theodore Parker through the books he used; but this is rather difficult, and one is a little disappointed at the infrequency of notes and memoranda. No doubt it is the more indolent scholars, like Coleridge, who annotate their books; and Parker was the busiest of men apart from all literary work. He wrote largely for the "Dial," and he edited the "Massachusetts Quarterly Review," which was to be, he said, "the 'Dial' with a beard"; but there are no notes in his copy of either.

The interleaved copy of his translation of De Wette has a few notes and emendations for another edition. It is interesting, as a proof of his promptness and activity as a student, to see that he owned, in 1837, Comte's *Cours de Philosophie Positive*, which was originally published in 1830–1842, and attracted so little attention that it is said not to have been noticed in any

leading review until 1846. But there are no notes in his copy. Nor are there many in his copies of the classics, though the present writer was once told by Mr. John G. King, of Salem, one of the last of our old-fashioned classical scholars, that Theodore Parker was the only person he had ever encountered who could sit down with him and seriously discuss a disputed passage in a Greek play. Accordingly there are some hints and criticisms of this kind in one of his copies of Æschylus; and there are many critical notes and references at the end of almost every one of the nine volumes of Duncan's edition of Euripides. It must be remembered that most of his classical study took place in his earlier life, when he had little money to buy books.

The one department in which his notes are full and interesting is that of American history; and these books show the great amount of work that went to prepare for his "Historic Americans," and also his extreme independence and freshness of criticism. His set of John Adams's writings, for instance, has plenty of such notes, including a very spicy summary at the beginning, at which he gives his opinion both of the statesman and his biographer; and in the works of Webster, and many others, there are similar notes; and this when published may enable us to understand how it is that we have in his library ampler traces of preparation for this book than for most others.

The element of personal biography in Mr. Parker's collection seems naturally to culminate in a remarkable collection of personal memorials of him, prepared by Miss Matilda Goddard and contained in eleven thick volumes presented by her to the Public Library. These are neatly bound, arranged, and indexed; they contain

most of his pamphlets and magazine papers and a large number of those occasioned by him; there are also many original letters or documents bearing upon his life. It is, in short, such a collection as only affectionate care could plan and close personal intimacy create. Aided by these and by the unconscious reflection of Theodore Parker in the library he collected, the future historian will be able to furnish a better picture than any yet given of his remarkable character and career.

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